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Sir:

Responsive to the Office action October 31, 2002, please amend the application as follows. A petition for 3-month extension of time is included herewith, extending the deadline for response from January 31, 2003 to April 30, 2003.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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